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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, GW, GE, WB, EB

SUBJECT: V-E DAY CELEBRATION--FRG POLICY GUIDELINES

REF: A) BONN 6546; B) BONN 5751 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: FRG HAS NOW MADE SOME DETAILED AND FUNDAMENTAL  
POLICY DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO FRG ATTENDANCE AT  
VARIOUS EVENTS WHICH WILL BE HELD BOTH IN "GERMANY" AND  
ELSEWHERE IN CONNECTION WITH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY.  
PRESIDENT SCHEEL WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE IN BONN WITH  
INVITATIONS TO CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND REPS OF APPROPRIATE  
GERMAN ORGANIZATIONS, FRG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SOVIET  
RECEPTION WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL BE HELD IN BONN, AND  
PERM REP CHIEF GAUS IN EAST BERLIN WILL ATTEND TREPTOW  
CEREMONY BUT ATTENDANCE AT OPERA HOUSE EVENT WILL DEPEND  
ON WHETHER OR NOT US, UK, AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS ATTEND.  
MAYOR SCHUETZ WILL BE URGED NOT TO LAY WREATHS AT  
ALLIED SITES IN WEST BERLIN, AND EARLIER WORLDWIDE  
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO FRG OVERSEAS POSTS ARE STILL

VALID. THE INFORMATION ON THE FRG DECISIONS, MOST OF WHICH WERE TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR AND CABINET IN LAST FEW DAYS, HAS BEEN PASSED TO US BOTH IN THE BONN GROUP AND BY FOREIGN OFFICE EAST-WEST AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, AND IS REPORTED IN DETAIL BY CATEGORY IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. END SUMMARY.

1. OUTSIDE OF "GERMANY." GUIDANCE OF JAN 31 (REPORTED REFTEL B) STILL HOLDS. CLARIFICATION HAS BEEN ISSUED TO GIVE SPECIFIC APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATION BY FRG REPS AT WREATH-LAYINGS SINCE THEY HONOR DEAD AND ARE NOT FOCUSED ON DEFEAT OF GERMANY. BONN HAS ISSUED SPECIFIC GUIDANCE THAT JAN 31 INSTRUCTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EVENTS HELD IN CELEBRATION OF CZECH NATIONAL DAY (WHICH FALLS ON MAY 9). BONN SEES CSSR CELEBRATIONS AS DISTINCT FROM V-E DAY EVENTS (AND FRG SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT INVITATIONS TO CSSR MAY 9 RECEPTION IN BONN MAKE NO MENTION OF END OF WAR). FRG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT CSSR RECEPTION IN BONN AT CABINET LEVEL, AND BONN'S REPRESENTATIVES ELSEWHERE WILL FOLLOW LOCAL CUSTOM. COMMENT: FOREIGN OFFICE EAST-WEST AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HAS TOLD US THAT (IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS) FRG REPS WILL ATTEND "MEMORIAL" EVENTS IN USSR SUCH AS WREATH LAYINGS, BUT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN "MEETINGS" OR IN VICTORY CELEBRATIONS. NO PARADE IS SCHEDULED FOR MOSCOW, SO FAR AS BONN KNOWS, BUT PARADES SET FOR PRAGUE, EAST BERLIN, AND BELGRADE WILL BE AVOIDED BY FRG (THIS IS ALSO IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 31 INSTRUCTION). END COMMENT.

2. FRG-SPONSORED EVENTS IN BONN. PRESIDENT SCHEEL WILL INVITE CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF APPROPRIATE GERMAN GROUPS (E.G. ASSOCIATION OF WAR VICTIMS) TO MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD MAY 6 IN SCHLOSSKIRCHE OF BONN UNIVERSITY, AT WHICH SCHEEL WILL MAKE A SHORT SPEECH. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL MAKE TV ADDRESS ON MAY 8 OR 9, SPEAKING FROM CABINET ROOM.

3. SOVIET-SPONSORED EVENTS IN BONN. THE FRG UNDERSTANDS (BUT HAS NO FORMAL INVITATION) THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN WILL GIVE RECEPTION ON MAY 9 TO COMMEMORATE THE

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DESTRUCTION OF FASCISM. THE FRG CABINET DECIDED APRIL 23 THAT BONN WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN OFFICE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ONLY. ASIDE FROM THE CSSR MAY 9 NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, THE FRG HAS NO INFORMATION AS YET ON ANY OTHER EE-SPONSORED EVENTS THAT MIGHT BE HELD IN BONN DURING MAY 8-9 PERIOD. COMMENT: FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCES HAVE IT THAT FALIN WILL HOST LARGE RECEPTION AT NOON ON MAY 8 OR 9. FRG

DECISION RE ATTENDANCE IS MODIFICATION FROM ATTENDANCE  
AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1970, WHEN BONN SENT FOREIGN  
OFFICE "PROTOCOL OFFICER" AND OFFICER FROM SOVIET DESK.  
END COMMENT.

4. EVENTS IN WEST BERLIN. THE FRG WAS INFORMED APRIL 22  
OF GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ' INTENTION TO LAY WREATHS AT

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SEVEN LOCATIONS IN WEST BERLIN (LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED  
IN USBERLIN 785). THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL "EMPHATICALLY  
RECOMMEND" TO SENAT THAT SCHUETZ NOT LAY WREATHS AT THE  
BRITISH, FRENCH, AND US SITES. FRG DECISION, ALLIES  
WERE INFORMED, TAKEN AS RESULT OF DESIRE TO AVOID  
PREJUDICING ALLIED POSITION VIS A VIS SOVIETS WITH  
RESPECT TO SOVIET CEREMONY AT THEIR MEMORIAL IN THE  
TIERGARTEN, OR CREATING PROBLEMS FOR ALLIES ON MATTER

WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN ABRASIMOV. COMMENT:  
QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CHANNEL FOR INFORMING SCHUETZ OF  
BONN'S POSITION ON ABOVE, FRG REP WOULD ONLY SAY THAT  
FOREIGN OFFICE MESSAGE WHICH WILL BE SENT TO SENAT  
REPRESENTED VIEW OF CHANCELLERY. END COMMENT.

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5. EVENTS IN EAST BERLIN. KASTRUP TOLD ALLIED  
COLLEAGUES IN BONN GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 23 THAT HE WAS  
"REQUESTED AND AUTHORIZED" TO TELL THEM THAT WHAT HAD  
BEEN PASSED TO ALLIES IN EAST BERLIN ON THIS SUBJECT  
(SEE BERLIN 5590) REPRESENTED ONLY THE PERSONAL VIEWS OF  
GAUS. THE FRG DECISION (MADE APRIL 23) ON PARTICIPATION  
IN EAST BERLIN IS AS FOLLOWS: A) GAUS WILL NOT ATTEND  
SOVIET EMBASSY RECEPTION (KASTRUP SAID HE HAD NO EXPRESS  
INFORMATION BUT THOUGHT THIS MEANT THERE WOULD BE NO FRG  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION ATTENDANCE AT ALL AT SOVIET  
RECEPTION); B) GAUS WILL PARTICIPATE IN TREPTOW MAY 8  
WREATH-LAYING HONORING SOVIET WAR HEROES; AND C) GAUS  
WILL ATTEND GDR CEREMONY AT OPERA HOUSE ON CONDITION THAT  
US, UK, AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS ATTEND AS WELL. COMMENT:  
FRENCH INSTRUCTIONS (SEE PARA 5 REFTTEL A) THAT FRENCH  
REPS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN MANIFESTATIONS IN EAST  
BERLIN ORGANIZED BY GDR AUTHORITIES PRESUMABLY WOULD  
PRECLUDE ATTENDANCE BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT OPERA HOUSE  
EVENT AND THUS PRECLUDE GAUS' ATTENDANCE AS WELL. END  
COMMENT.  
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